

ALL IN / LIGHT THE WAY – Week 6 – Pastor Bill

1. In what ways has God blessed you?
2. Pastor Bill said that 80% of people in your community don't go to church on any given week. What are your thoughts about this?
3. Who do you know that doesn't go to church?
4. Have you ever thought of part of your responsibility of following Jesus to include helping others find Him?
5. Have you ever heard someone say, there's something missing in my life? Have you ever said that?
6. Why do you think that a Christian would find themselves feeling like something was missing in life?

John 10:10 - The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.

7. What do you think the difference in this verse is between 'life' and 'life to the full'?
8. Pastor Bill said that he interpreted 'life' to mean salvation and eternity with God in heaven, and 'life to the full' to mean experiencing all that God has for you now and in the future. What are your thoughts about this?

Matthew 19:16 - ¹⁶ Just then a man came up to Jesus and asked, "Teacher, what good thing must I do to get eternal life?" ¹⁷ "Why do you ask me about what is good?" Jesus replied. "There is only One who is good. If you want to enter life, keep the commandments." ¹⁸ "Which ones?" he inquired. Jesus replied, "'You shall not murder, you shall not commit adultery, you shall not steal, you shall not give false testimony, ¹⁹ honor your father and mother', and 'love your neighbor as yourself.'" ²⁰ "All these I have kept," the young man said. "What do I still lack?" ²¹ Jesus answered, "If you want to be perfect, go, sell your possessions and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me." ²² When the young man heard this, he went away sad, because he had great wealth.

9. What comes to mind after reading these verses?
10. Do you think that the rich man was asking how to get to heaven or how to experience 'life to the full'? Why do you think that?
11. What does the Bible tell us about how to get to heaven?
12. The rich ruler seemed to be doing a really good job of following God's commands. Why do you think that Jesus challenged him to sell everything and follow Him?
13. Why do you think that Jesus chose the commands that he asked the rich man about and not some of the other commands?
14. Pastor Bill said that it seemed like the rich ruler had a blind spot to the hold that money had on him, and clearly he wouldn't give up his money to follow Jesus. How do we know if we have any blind spots to what has a hold on us?
15. Who in your life can help you see your blind spots?
16. Fox River regularly talks about our discipleship pathway – the 4 Gs - those things that Jesus has asked of every follower of His:
 - **Gather** (Attend Church & A Group), **Grow** (Read the Bible, Pray, Be Baptized), **Give** (Be Generous & Serve), & **Go** (Love Others & Share Jesus).
17. Is there one of these areas that you struggle with or where God is calling you to follow Him more fully?
18. How can we as a group help each other in these areas?
19. How can you use the upcoming holidays as opportunities to make a difference in someone's life?